

## SCHOOL CHILDREN JOIN IN FLY WAR

Pupils to Be Taught Ways of  
Preventing Summer  
Nuisance.

## SPREAD MANY DISEASES

Dr. Levy Suggests Flies as  
Bearers of Infection to  
Infants.

In the war on flies being waged by the State Board of Health, a new ally has been secured in the public schools of Richmond. The health authorities are preparing a pamphlet clearly explaining the methods by which the breeding places of flies may be to a great extent eradicated. Superintendent of Schools J. A. C. Chandler has agreed to place a copy of this pamphlet in the hands of every pupil and teacher in the Richmond schools, and the usual period given in the schools to the study of history and physiology will be devoted to a full discussion of the methods of destroying flies. The City School Board, it is stated, has long desired to have in the schools practical lessons on sanitation, and this will be one step in that direction.

## Campaign of Education.

Superintendent Chandler said yesterday: "Many cities of the country have organized campaigns for the extermination of the house fly, and it is believed that no better way can be used to educate the people in so important a matter as the removal of all sources from which flies are bred than by the education of the children. It is a lamentable fact that most of the books on hygiene and public sanitation have nothing to suggest as to the extermination of the fly, such an excellent book as Jewett's 'Town and City' dealing with garbage, ashes, water supply, sewerage, food inspection and the prevention of diseases, while it has a special article on mosquitoes, and an excellent treatment on how to prevent the spreading of tuberculosis, says not a word about how to prevent the breeding of flies.

"One of the text-books used in the public schools, 'Primer of Sanitation,' has one paragraph of twenty-three lines on the breeding places of flies. The children have also had some instruction as to the kind of bacteria and germs that are carried by flies.

"We believe that the campaign undertaken by the State Board of Health and the City Board of Health, reinforced by the schools, will result in great good to the city."

## Effect on Infant Mortality.

In the annual report of the Health Department, Chief Health Officer Levy discusses the fly nuisance at some length. Dr. Levy holds that experiments made during and after the summer of 1911 have conclusively proved that a large amount of typhoid fever is carried by the ordinary house fly. Especially is this believed to be true in Southern cities, where the fly breeding season is much longer than in the North. Dr. Levy also suggests, though admitting that the proof is not yet conclusive, that an epidemic of infantile diseases, which occurred in Richmond last September and October, was chiefly spread by flies. There have been deaths from this disease in August, though later in the summer the mortality was much higher. In the absence of conclusive proof it is regarded as significant that flies were probably few in Richmond last summer until late in August, and were then very prevalent during September and October, the period of the largest infant mortality.

## WATER FRONT IS LEASED.

Railway Company Unable to Get Suitable Terms at Yorktown.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Williamsburg, Va., May 12.—Attorney Thomas S. Harris, of York County, was here on yesterday, having sold a 100-acre timber tract to John W. Jones, of Williamsburg. Mr. Harris, who is attorney for the Hampton-Yorktown Railway Company, said his company was blocked in its purpose to build an electric line to Yorktown, owing to the impossibility of securing a water front terminus at Yorktown. It appears that about two years ago the trustees of the town of York leased all the water front to the cement company, then in operation there. Mr. Harris says he considers the mode of leasing the property clearly illegal, in that there was no advertisement of the proposed lease as required by law. Steps are contemplated to have the lease set aside and declared null and void, in which case it will be possible for the electric line to secure a terminus on the York at Yorktown. There has long been complaint over the lease of the water front in question, the consideration being merely nominal, besides the disadvantages to the community.

William Dandridge, a young colored man, who has been employed as a servant at Stuart Hall, a college for young women at Staunton, reached Williamsburg this morning after an exciting experience that nearly cost him his life. Dandridge says some colored girls at the school put out false reports against him, and so wrought up the white people that they threatened to lynch him. He says he was chased over the mountains for days by military and bloodhounds; that he saw two barrels blazing in which it was intended to roast him alive. Students at the military school at Staunton said they were going to kill him, send his head to a woman that had been his friend, his body back to Williamsburg and keep his eyes for exhibition purposes at the military school. The boy was ragged and worn out by his long chase through the mountains. He finally got a colored man to write to his grandmother here about his difficulties, and she sent Rev. L. W. Wailes, a colored preacher, after William.

## From the Metropolitan Opera House

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## News of Petersburg

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Petersburg, Va., May 12.

As has been announced in The Times-Dispatch, the negro Republicans of the Fourth Congressional District will meet in convention in this city on Wednesday of this week, the object being to organize for the presidential campaign and to elect two delegates to the National Convention at Chicago. The regular, or "Lily White," faction of the party met some weeks ago in Farmville and elected as its president delegates for Taft. The negroes, comprising the bulk of the Republican party in the district, were practically ignored by the "Lily Whites," and vigorous protest has been made.

The negroes are claiming that the Farmville convention was irregular and its action therefore void. They will hold district conventions to send delegates to Chicago and to elect delegates to the State Convention at large. The State Convention is expected to send a delegation instructed for Roosevelt to Chicago, and the negroes are being encouraged by white Republicans who support Roosevelt, and even by the Colonel's managers. The State Convention is therefore expected to send a delegation instructed for Roosevelt to Chicago, and the negroes are being encouraged by white Republicans who support Roosevelt, and even by the Colonel's managers. The State Convention is therefore expected to send a delegation instructed for Roosevelt to Chicago, and the negroes are being encouraged by white Republicans who support Roosevelt, and even by the Colonel's managers.

Annual Commencement. The exercises of the twenty-ninth commencement of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, colored, near this city, began this afternoon with the annual sermon before the students in the institute chapel, preached by the Rev. York Jones, of Charlotte, N. C., formerly of Petersburg. The address to the Christian Associations was delivered at night by the Rev. W. A. Ashburn, of Franklin.

On Tuesday night there will be a meeting of the Alumni Association, with an address by T. A. Spragins, a lawyer of Jersey City. The day commencing exercises proper will be held Wednesday afternoon, for which an elaborate program has been arranged, including addresses by visitors. There were forty graduates of the institution in January, and they will be fifty more on Wednesday. The Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute has sent out a total of 1,065 graduates into the world, and they are scattered through nearly every State in the Union. The institute keeps in touch with most of them, and the information is that the great majority of them are doing well and leading honored lives. There is great demand for graduates as teachers.

At a conference Saturday afternoon between William G. Owens, division superintendent of schools, and members of the Matamor Improvement League, it was decided to select as the site for the new high school, property now owned by Henry James, a desirable location overlooking Matamor. Mr. James has kindly agreed to donate four acres of this property to the school board as a site for the high school.

The building is to be a modern structure costing between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

## CADETS TO CAMP AT GOSHEN.

Will Spend One Night in That Town While on Annual Outing.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Goshen, Va., May 12.—A detachment of officers from the Virginia Military Institute spent last night at Goshen, the object of the visit being to make arrangements for a camp ground for the cadets of the school for the coming summer. It is contemplated for the cadets to leave Lexington Friday morning, and march that night there, leaving early Saturday morning, march through the wild and picturesque Shenandoah Valley, and spend Sunday night at Goshen. Leaving here Sunday morning, the march will lead to the Rockbridge Alum Springs, and Monday back to Lexington.

## Rivanna River on Rampage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., May 12.—Torrential rains visited this section yesterday afternoon and last night. The Rivanna River, on a rampage, has water at the Charlottesville Falls. Mills being higher this morning than for three years past. Workmen in the mills were called out of their beds at 2 o'clock this morning to move the mill machinery. The water has reached a high mark in the dye house, and from present prospects it looks as if the mill will have to shut down tomorrow.

## In Memory of Titanic Memorial.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., May 12.—Mrs. John Hays Hammond, wife of the millionaire mining engineer, will address the women of this city at the memorial service for the Titanic, which it is proposed to erect in memory of the men's bravery aboard. She is traveling through the South collecting subscriptions for the proposed memorial.

## SEMMES VICTOR IN CIVIL PRIMARY

He Wins Nomination for Mayor  
Over Maryus Jones,  
Incumbent.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newport News, Va., May 12.—In the Democratic municipal primary in this city yesterday, Attorney B. B. Semmes easily defeated Mayor Maryus Jones and former Mayor Allan A. Moss for the nomination for Mayor, receiving a plurality of ninety in a total of 833 votes cast. The vote resulted as follows: Semmes, 355; Moss, 269; Maryus Jones, 209.

Because of the independent movement, the outcome of the primary was very much in doubt to the end. S. Otis Bland, formerly president of the Chamber of Commerce and one of the leading citizens, announced a few days before the primary that, if 50 per cent. of the full electorate was polled, thus eliminating Bland from the contest. In the general municipal election next month, Semmes will be opposed only by C. K. Weaver, the Independent-Republican candidate. Mr. Weaver is a big lumber dealer and one of the best known of the city's business men. He is an independent in politics, and it is expected that he will give Semmes a hard fight, as there will be a number of disgruntled Democrats who will vote for Weaver.

In the State primary for the election of delegates to the Norfolk convention, Woodrow Wilson carried the city by a very scant majority, electing four and one-quarter of the city's full strength of eight votes. Sixteen delegates were elected to the higher court, each with a half vote, and eight Wilson men went through. One Wilson man and one Clark man tied in the Fourth Ward, and the city committee gave them one-fourth vote each.

The delegates to the State convention are: First Ward—Allan D. Jones (Wilson); R. W. Perkins (Wilson); L. A. McMullan (Wilson); R. W. Usher (no preference). Second Ward—L. C. Cole (Wilson); R. A. T. Clements (no preference); T. S. Brown (no preference); R. L. Sawyer (no preference). Third Ward—C. C. Berkeley (Wilson); G. W. Whitley (Wilson); Hunter F. Grimes (Wilson); C. C. Smith (no preference). Fourth Ward—J. M. Curtis (Wilson); C. G. Brown (Underhill); W. Wheeler (Clark); T. J. Hundley (Clark); B. Roscoe Gary (Wilson). Gary and Hundley tied and got one-fourth of a vote each.

## SEVERAL CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

Important Action Taken by  
North Carolina Lutheran  
Synod.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlotte, N. C., May 12.—The regular business of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina was completed with the sessions of Saturday, May 11. The reports of the standing committees. The constitution of the synod was changed, by amendment, in several particulars. One of these changes was to the effect that the synod will not retain upon its roll the name of any minister who shall cease the active work of the ministry from any cause than one that is providential. Explicit explanation was made that this change does not affect ministers who cease to minister for any other cause than one that is providential.

St. John's Church, in Cabarrus county, was selected as the place for holding the annual session of next year. St. John's is one of the strongest in the synod. A number of men have entered the ministry of the Lutheran denomination in this church than from any church in North Carolina. Three young men there will be ordained as ministers next year, and they expressed the wish to be ordained in their home church.

At a morning session of the synod held at the Hotel Raleigh, the Rev. R. C. Holland, one of the members, preached the sermon. The service was held at the Hotel Raleigh, and with this service the synod adjourned.

## LECTURE BY DR. LAUGHLIN.

Chicago University Professor Addresses  
Trinity Students.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Durham, N. C., May 12.—Dr. J. Lauglin, head of the department of economics in the University of Chicago, and a well-known economist, engaged in making a tour in interest in a movement for banking reform, spoke before the members of the classes in Economics at Trinity College last Friday morning at noon. The speaker was introduced by Dr. W. G. Glasson, of the department of economics here. Dr. Lauglin went into a discussion of his personal reminiscences of early American and European economists.

Medals for excellence in debating and oratory were awarded at a meeting of the Hesperian Literary Society last Saturday evening. E. L. Jones, of Charlotte, was awarded the orator's medal; James Cannon, Jr., of Waynesville, was awarded the debater's medal; and E. L. Jones was chosen as the winner of the freshman debater's medal. These medals, according to the usual custom, will be presented at the exercises on Tuesday morning at commencement week.

The Columbus Society also made its annual awarding of medals, resulting as follows: Orator's medal, A. D. Byrd, debater's medal, E. L. Lendow, and freshman-debater's medal, W. H. Green. The election of officers to pilot the society during the next term of next year was also held, resulting as follows: President, S. S. Alderman; Vice-President, K. P. Neal; Secretary, W. F. Starnes, and Marshal, A. W. Byrd.

A meeting of the governing board of the Trinity Chronicle, the weekly newspaper published by the students, held on Saturday, the editor and manager for the coming season were elected. S. S. Alderman, of Greensboro, will fill the editorial columns, while A. T. Knott, of Oxford, will handle the business end of the paper.

President W. P. Few left Tuesday afternoon for New York, where he will spend several days. On his return he stopped at Princeton University, where he represented the college at the inauguration of John Grier Hibben as president of that institution.

## ELEGANTLY BE FEST AT LEESBURG

Question of Issuing \$30,000  
Bonds for Improvements  
to Be Decided.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Leesburg, Va., May 11.—There will be a special election in Leesburg on Tuesday, June 4, on the question of issuing bonds for \$30,000 for the purpose of changing the present inadequate water system into a gravity system; for a sewerage system for the town, and for taking up \$10,000 in 5 per cent. bonds, known as the Town Hall bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. William Matson James, of Round Hill, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lucile, to Joseph Carr Rogers. The wedding will take place on June 1.

A large force has been engaged this week in bonding the rails of the Blue-Point branch of the Shenandoah Railroad, which is being electrified. The work of bonding having been completed between Falls Church and Vienna.

"Maplewood," one of the finest estates in Fairfax county, belonging to the Dunn estate, has been sold to Charles Brodt, a retired business man of New York and Paris, who will convert the place into a stock farm. The farm contains 37 acres of productive soil, most of which is under cultivation, though a tract of ten acres of virgin white oak near the house has been left as a park.

Last Saturday was "Field Day" for the public schools of Loudoun county. Pupils from all sections of the county gathered at Leesburg, and during the day and part of the night engaged in contests of mental and physical prowess. Four young men engaged in a debate on the question of the silver cup in this contest was awarded to Charles Welsh, of Lincoln High School. Prizes were awarded in declamation and recitation, and several hours were given to athletic contests.

Miss Kitchin, who was elected to the Leesburg Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Charlottesville, W. Va., and leaves June 1 to take charge of the latter church.

## WOODROW WILSON SAYS IT IS UGLY AND FULL OF UNWHOLE- SOME SECRETS.

New York, May 12.—Governor Woodrow Wilson compared the protective tariff to an old battle, and also said that the cause of the higher cost of living, at a dinner given last night by the tariff reform committee of the Reform Club, of New York, at the Hotel Astor.

Senator Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, Representative Henry George, Jr., and Charles S. Hamlin, of Boston, were the other speakers.

"It begins to dawn on the whole country that the tariff no longer is a statesmanlike plan for protection," Governor Wilson said. "It is a member of a game for profits. It has become a huge make-believe. It stands as ugly and full of unwholesome secrets and hidden places to which the light has never penetrated, as an old battle."

"The tariff is the mother of artificial prices, because it is the foster-mother of monopoly, and only when these roots of the whole evil thing are touched, shall we begin to get control of the forces that have all but mastered us."

"Nobody needs have the actual conditions of daily life expounded to him. Everybody knows what has happened to his rent, to his meat bills, to his bills for clothing, to all the items of his expense which expresses the actual necessities of his life. No doubt there are many causes for this, as well as artificial, which lie underneath the rise in prices, but we have only to read the testimony taken at trials instituted by the government, or investigations instituted by Congress; we have only to dig into the records of ourselves to see the whole business laid bald and bare before us by which systematic advantage has been taken of the tariff to raise prices without awaiting the assistance of economic laws, and without regarding either justice or the rights of the public."

"Can any one say that he sees in the economic life of America now a picture of free, untrammelled, individual initiative; a field of free and normal competition; a field in which the working man is free from his employer to adjust himself to the conditions of the time and find the best market for his labor; a field in which the law operates to stimulate and not to create privileges or private advantage?"

## MASSIVE BONDS FOR GOOD ROADS

Subject Considered at Well At-  
tended Meeting Held at  
Scottsville.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Scottsville, Va., May 12.—The Good Roads League of the Scottsville district held a public meeting in Scottsville yesterday to which all the people in the district were invited. The attendance was encouraging. Hon. D. H. Pitts was appointed chairman, and W. H. Langhorne secretary. The object of this meeting was to decide on the route of the proposed macadam road in the district, and to appoint committees to make a census of the voters and ascertain their views as to a bond issue to unite them.

The proposed bond issue is for \$100,000. The largest property owners in the district are in favor of the bond issue and are doing all in their power to bring it about.



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## CITY WILL SEEK MORE STATE SCHOOL FUNDS

Winchester Has Not Received Its Proper Portion.  
No Clue to Whereabouts of Miss Kitchen.

Northern Veterans Visit Battlegrounds.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., May 12.—The Common Council has discovered that according to a report submitted by the city school board, the State has not paid the city its proper portion of the State school funds for partial maintenance of the local public schools, and a committee has been made to confer with the State education authorities, and also to have another school census taken in order to convince them that the city is entitled to more money than it has received.

Another week has gone without the relatives of Miss Virginia Kitchen being able to get a clue as to her whereabouts, although it is generally believed by the family that she is hiding somewhere in or about Washington. Miss Kitchen, who was left the bulk of the estate of her brother, the late John Newton Kitchen, escaped recently from Bayview Asylum, near Baltimore, where she was under observation, and a few days since her attorney and committee, R. Gray Williams, of Winchester, received a message from Baltimore to the effect that she had been seen at Falls Church. When communicated with over the telephone, the chief of police of that town stated that he had just placed Miss Kitchen on a street car bound for Washington. The police of that city have been requested to be on the lookout for Miss Kitchen.

In spite of showers, which have fallen frequently since last evening, members of the Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry, Lancaster, Pa., who came here last night from Philadelphia on their annual spring outing, have been putting in the day visiting the numerous battlefields in the immediate vicinity of Winchester. Some went to Cedar Creek and Fishers Hill, while others journeyed to the battlegrounds, east and west of the town. The veterans, who are accompanied by members of their families, were given a large reception last evening upon their arrival at the Winchester Inn. The address of welcome was made by City Solicitor R. Gray Williams, and informal speeches were made by Federal and Confederate veterans. The visitors will leave here in the morning, spend several hours at Harper's Ferry and in Washington, and return to Philadelphia on Monday evening.

A portion of an account book kept by George Washington about the year 1775 has been found in a negro cabin on the farm of the late W. Hank Shaw, near Lexington. The negro, Simon Jones, was formerly a slave owned by the late Colonel Cameron. On one page is written in the cursive, italicized hand of Washington the following: "Account of G. Washington with the United States, commencing June, 1773, comprehending a space of eight years." On the other side of the page are recorded numerous of expense incurred by the general, several of which bear date of July, 1775.

Confederate veteran camps in the Shenandoah Valley are to be requested at an early date to take up the matter of erecting suitable granite or marble markers at all points in the Virginia Valley, where soldiers were fought during the Civil War. The veterans of Jefferson county, W. Va., inaugurated the movement several years ago, the funds being raised by private contributions and popular subscriptions, and it is expected that veterans of other counties will take up the matter and erect markers, suitably inscribed, giving briefly, the facts of each engagement, whether of great consequence or not.

Announcement was made yesterday of the marriage of Miss Mabel Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Marshall, of Winchester, to Albert R. Coe, formerly of Elizabeth, W. Va., which took place in the parlor of a hotel at Facklersburg, W. Va., on May 6, the Rev. Robert B. Smith, of the First Baptist Church, officiating. They will live at Logan, Ohio.

Mr. Coe is engaged in the cross-tie and general lumber business.

David J. Howell, of Washington, who recently bought several large tracts of land on the mountain plateau across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry, including the site of the old Green Hotel, has arranged to divide the land into attractive build-

## ACCEPTS INVITATION EXTENDED BY HEATHVILLE U. D. C.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Heathville, Va., May 12.—A very interesting meeting of the Lee-Jackson Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy, held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Blackwell recently, it was decided on this occasion to hold an entertainment in Heathville on June 3. Colonel Lee, of Fairfax, has promised to speak on that day. Other speakers of note will also be in attendance. Dinner will be served by the members of the chapter. The U. D. C. will also hold a memorial service at Fairfield Baptist Church on May 14. Fire this week started from the sawmill of P. S. Philip & Son, located in the tract of timber of R. A. Jett, at Edwardsville, doing considerable damage to the young timber. Ray Philip was overcome by the fire, and was confined to his bed for some time.

## \$125,000 FIRE AT NORFOLK.

Plant of R. W. Whitehurst Company Is Completely Destroyed.  
Norfolk, Va., May 12.—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the main building of the plant of the R. W. Whitehurst Company yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$125,000. The agricultural implement and machinery ready for shipment were badly damaged that they are practically worthless. The building was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived, and with the nearest water plug three blocks away, it was impossible to put out the fire. It was announced that the plant would be rebuilt.

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